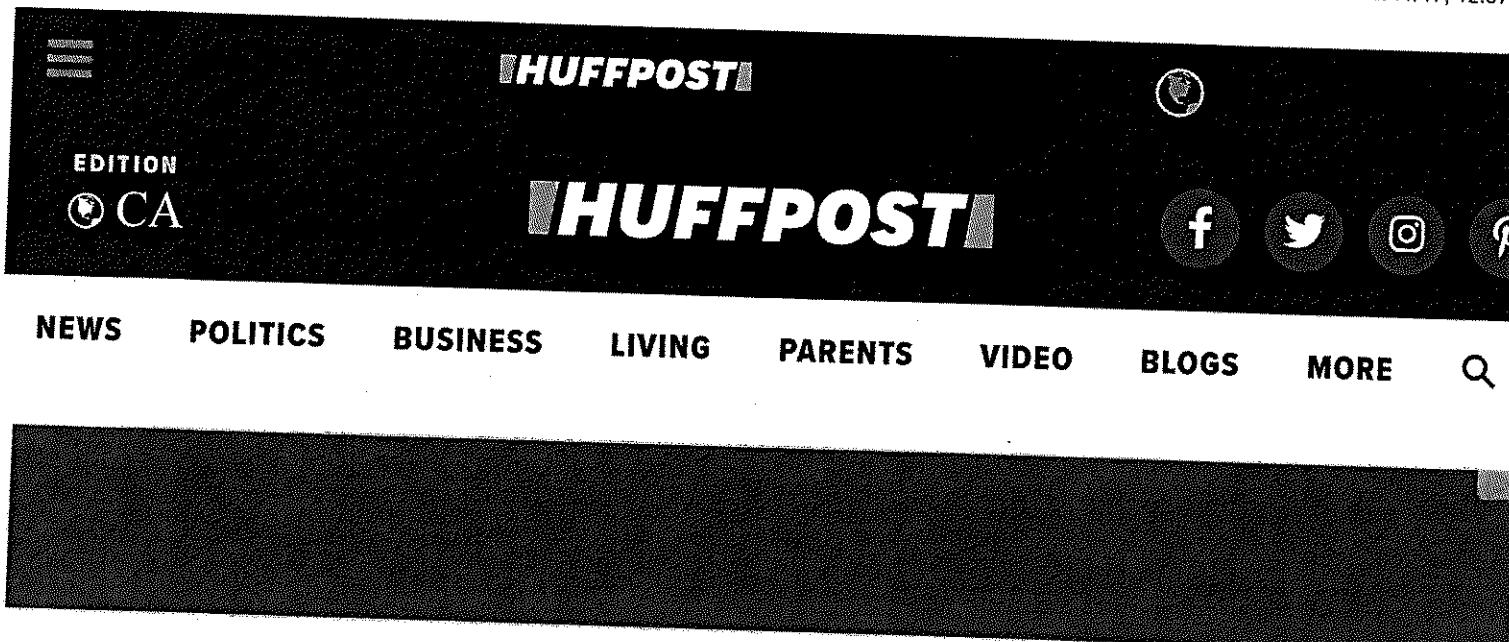


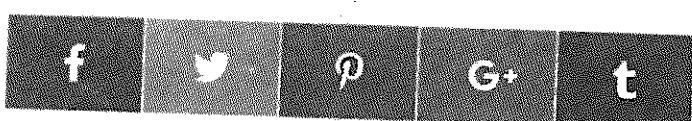
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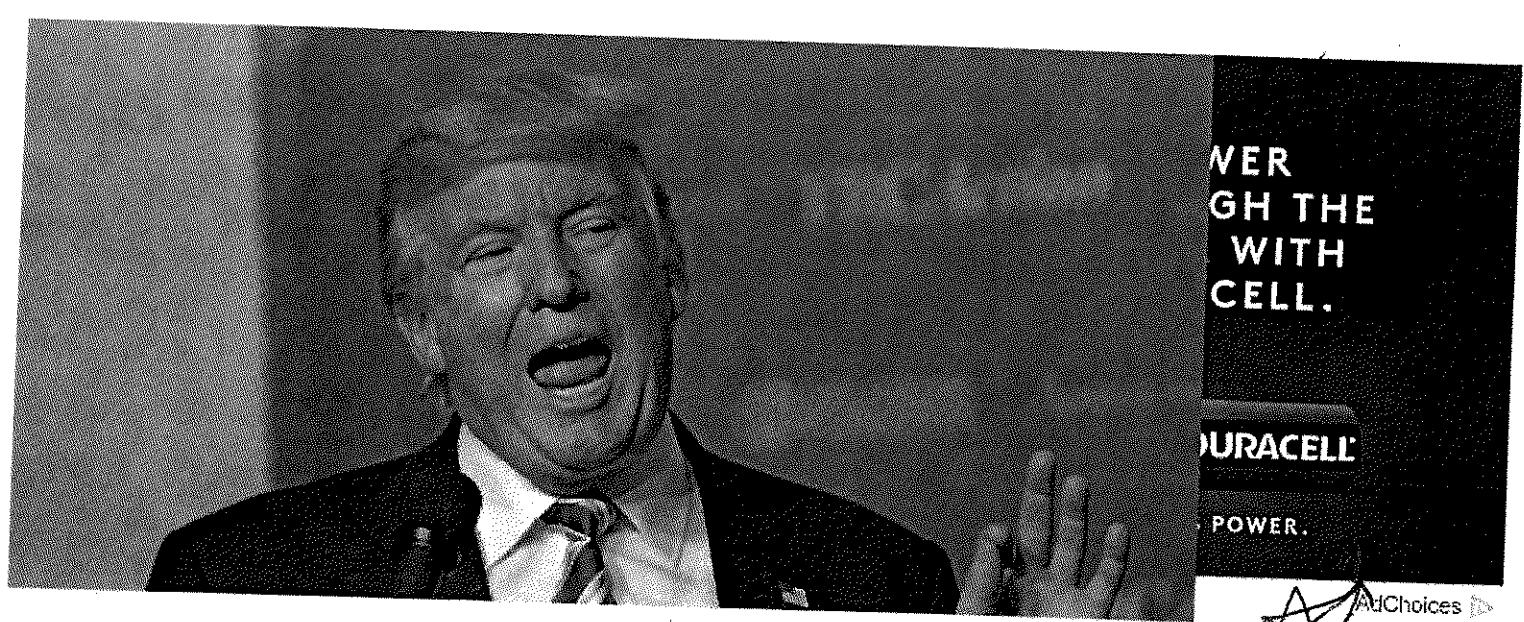
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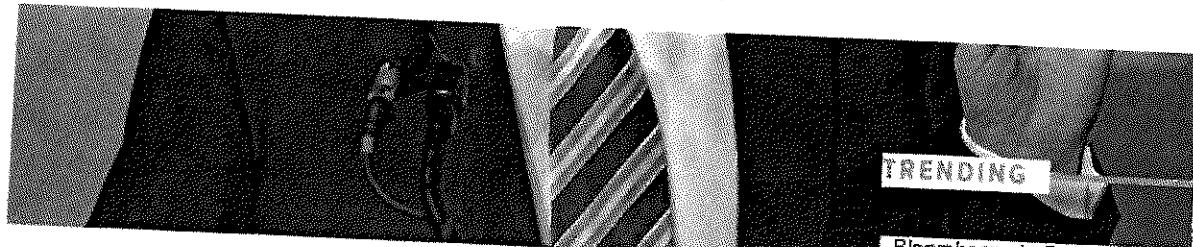
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Secretary Clinton landed many zingers during the first debate, but perhaps the most memorable exchange came when she raised the omnipresent issue of Trump's refusal to hand over his taxes.

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"I have no reason to believe that he's ever going to release his tax returns, because there's something he's hiding. And we'll guess. We'll keep guessing at what it might be that he's hiding. But I think the question is, were he ever to get near the White House, what would be those conflicts? Who does he owe money to?"

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There's a clear, insidious answer. Throughout this election, Trump has repeatedly defended Russian President Vladimir Putin. His relationship with the Russian government is unconventional, to say the least.

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For instance, consider his choice of staffers. Paul Manafort worked for Viktor Yanukovych's campaign in Ukraine between 2004 and 2010. Yanukovych ended his tenure in Ukraine wanted for ~~mass murder~~, and Manafort went home to eventually work for Trump. However, the controversies blanketing Manafort ended his run with the GOP frontrunner once it was revealed he was ~~secretly taking millions of~~  of ~~payments~~ from pro-Russia political groups.

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foreign policy advisor under similar circumstances. As a

foreign policy advisor, one should be free of any perceived biases. Nobody

to the Trump campaign, as Page has been intimately involved with Russian

energy giant, Gazprom. Putin personally owns 4.5 per cent of Gazprom, while

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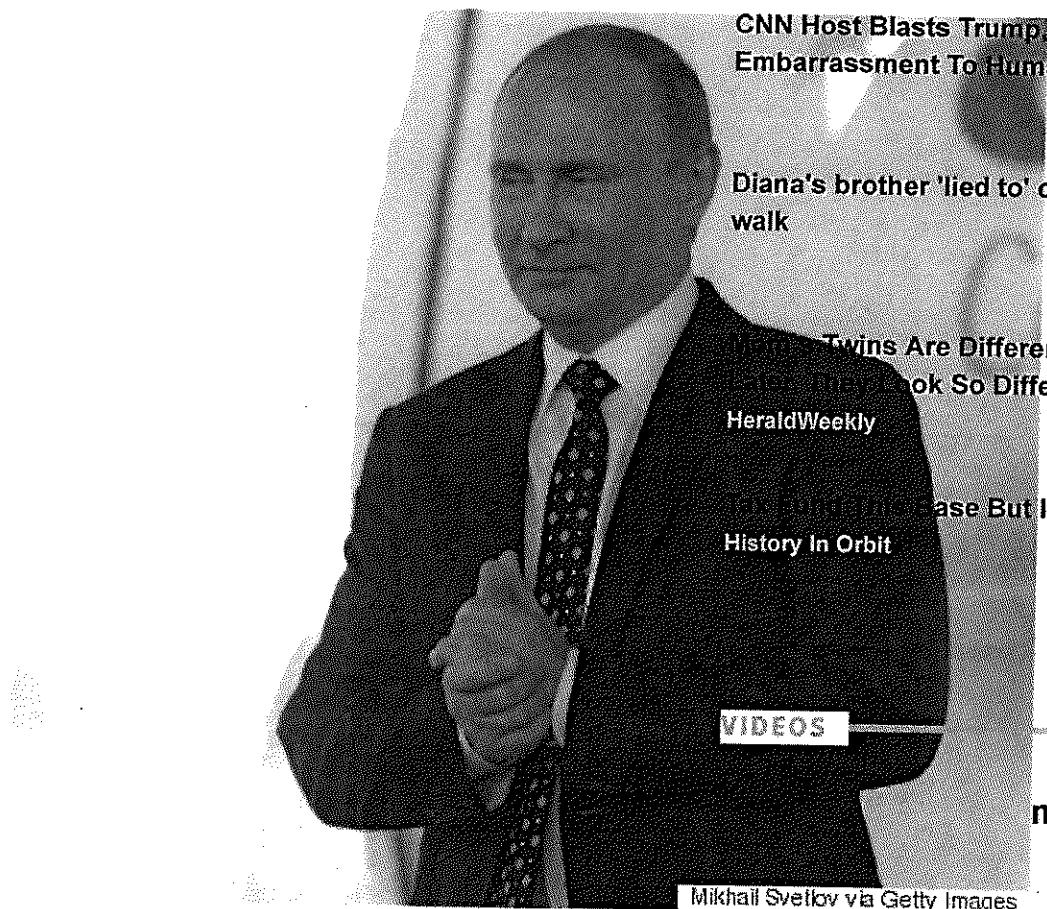
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Before Page's resignation on Monday, Yahoo reported that U.S. intelligence officers were looking into Page's connections in Moscow after he flew there shortly before the RNC convention in Cleveland.

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The *Washington Post* reports that while in Russia, Page met with some suspicious figures, although he has denied these allegations:

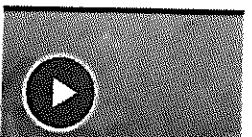
"The U.S. government had received intelligence reports that Page met with Igor Sechin, a friend of Vladimir Putin who runs Russian oil giant Rosneft, and Igor Diveykin, a high-ranking Russian intelligence official."

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Secret meetings aside, Page [gave a speech](#) while in Moscow that casts a shadow over Trump's energy policy:

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"In exchange for sanctions relief, Page said, American companies might be invited to partner with Russia firms to exploit Russia's oil and gas fields."

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This, apparently, prompted a response from U.S. Intelligence officers. "It's on our radar screen," said one official to Yahoo, regarding about Page's contacts with Russian officials. Page resigned shortly after.

When Trump's top advisors have this much invested in foreign oil conglomerates, is it any surprise that Trump isn't interested in clean energy? And since Trump is steadfast in his decision to be the first Presidential candidate since Richard Nixon to refuse to release his taxes, what exactly are his personal interests?

While Page was stepping down, Clinton was embracing renewable energy at Hofstra University. Clean and

renewable energy came up within minutes of her opening remarks. Later on, she doubled down with this:

What Exactly Is Useful?

Clinton: Take clean energy. Some country is going to be the clean energy superpower of the 21st century. Donald thinks that climate change is a hoax perpetrated by the Chinese. I think it's real.

Trump: I did not. I did not. I do not say that.

Clinton: I think science is real.

Trump: I do not say that.

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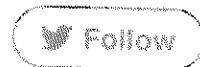
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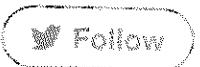
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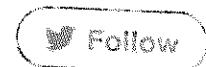
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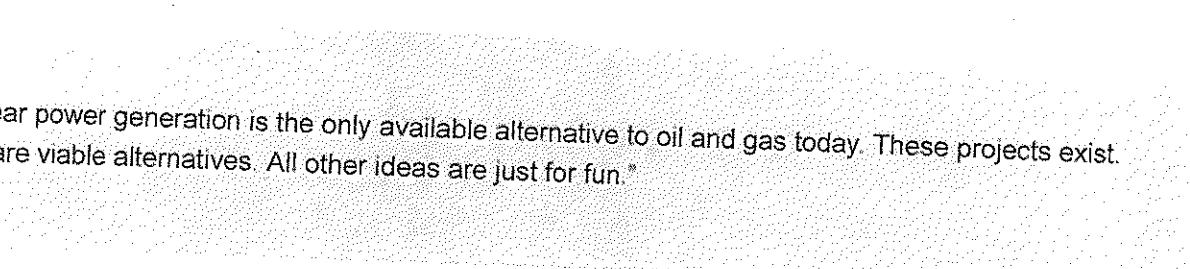
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Clinton is absolutely right. There will be a clean energy superpower, and if we play our cards right, we're the first in line.

Although Trump lamented the disintegration of the automotive industry along the Rust Belt, the traditional gas-guzzling motor industry isn't coming back. Oil is on its last legs — according to BP, we have 52 years of global supplies left. The future will rely on homegrown renewable energy that doesn't require America's dependence on unstable regions (that also fund terrorist groups like ISIL) or engage in destructive environmental practices. The future, as Clinton said, is clean, renewable energy that is manufactured in America and provides jobs for Americans.

Hypothetically speaking, if Trump did have a "special relationship" with Putin, the last thing Putin wants to see is a clean energy superpower — especially if it's American. Sixty-three per cent of Russia's exports are oil and gas. China, by the way, is one of Gazprom's biggest customers. China recently loaned Gazprom \$2.8 billion loan from Bank of China to secure the exportation of oil through Siberia.

Putin has made his thoughts on alternative energy sources abundantly clear. He favours nuclear power over renewables, stating the following:


"Nuclear power generation is the only available alternative to oil and gas today. These projects exist. They are viable alternatives. All other ideas are just for fun."

It's almost as if it were spoken by Trump himself.

Putin once casually remarked over dinner that he could "destroy America in half an hour or less." State-controlled Russian TV is flooded with anti-American propaganda. According to Trump, Putin referred to our first African-American President as the "N-word." which Trump seemed to have no problem with. During the same speech, Trump also invited Putin to hack into government servers to retrieve Hillary's emails.

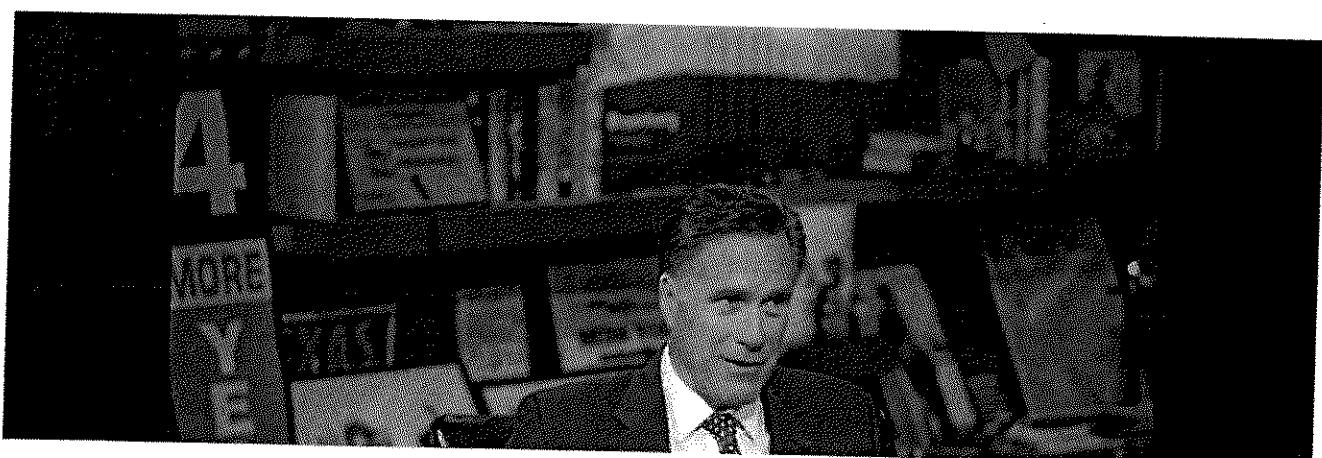
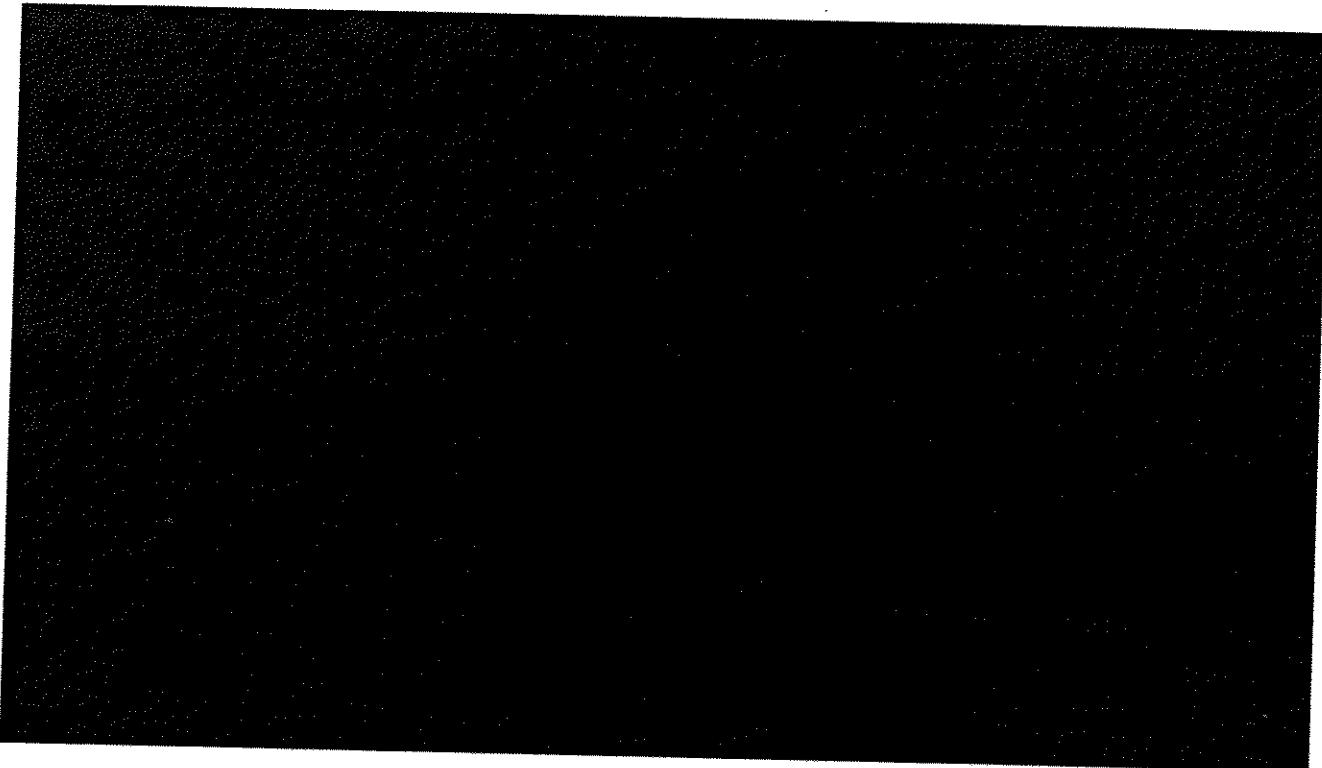
Russia has already has exerted far too much power in this election. Putin's potential influence on a Trump administration cannot be ignored. And while Trump's tax returns are filed under lock and key, we simply do not know whose interests he is protecting. But it's unlikely to be those of the American people.

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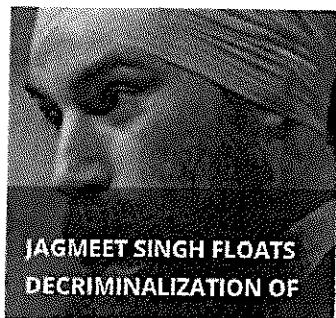




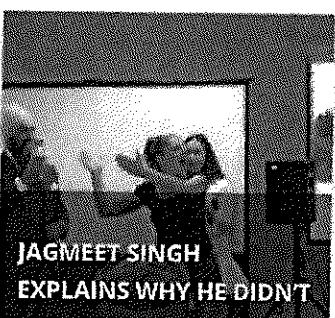
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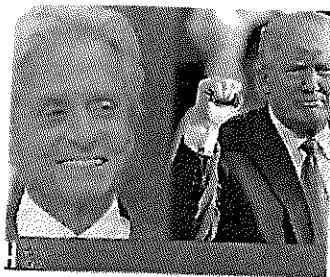
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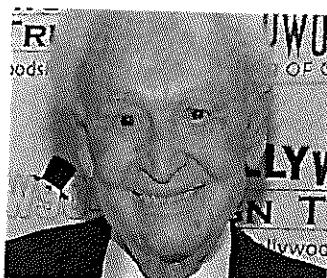


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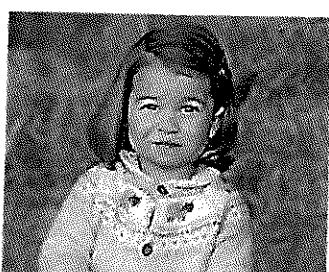


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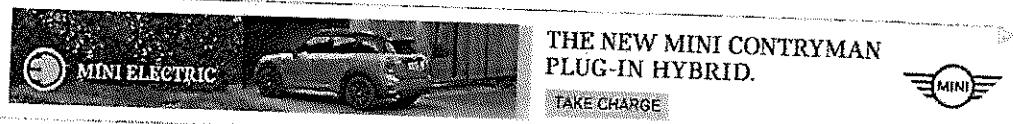
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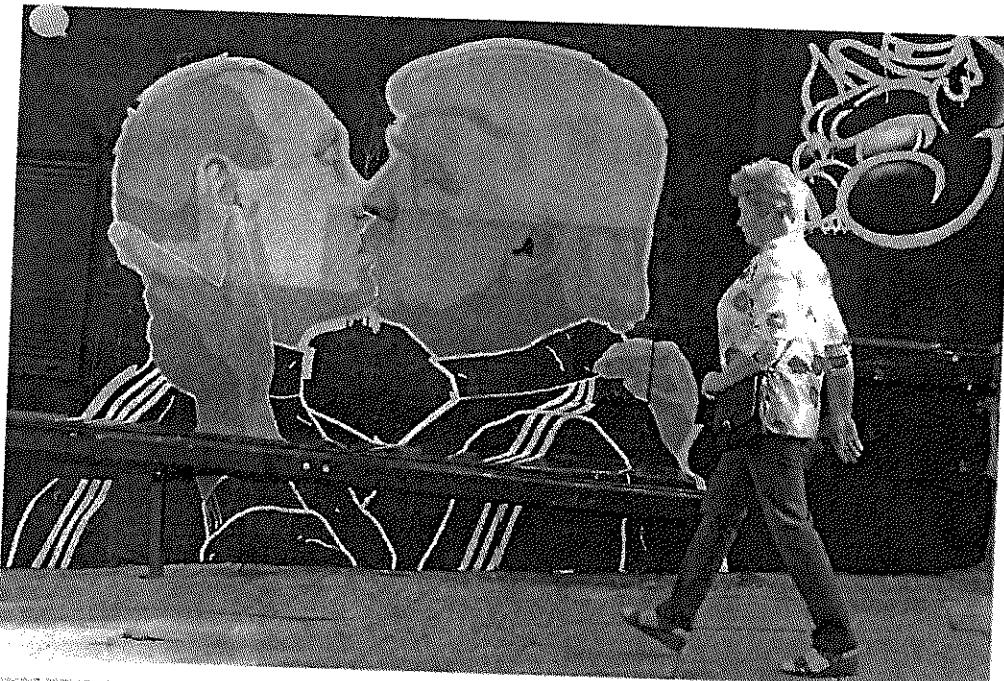
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280 A Trump Adviser Once Compared Sanctions Against Russia To Police Killing Black Men

"Just as five police officers ganged up on [Eric] Garner, over a half-dozen new UNO members have expanded to Russia's border," Carter Page wrote.

By Jessica Schulberg



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Donald Trump has shocked voters since the early days of the campaign with his praise for Russian President Vladimir Putin. Above, a woman walks past a mural of the two politicians on a restaurant wall in the Lithuanian capital of Vilnius.

WASHINGTON — One of Donald Trump's main sources of information on foreign affairs is a Russophile who once compared lethal police brutality against unarmed black men to the U.S. policy of sanctioning Russia as punishment for its military incursions into Ukraine.

In February 2014, Ukrainian protesters ousted president Viktor Yanukovych, a corrupt leader closely allied with Russian president Vladimir Putin. Putin responded by sending troops across the border to invade Crimea, a Ukrainian province that Moscow later annexed after a widely disputed referendum. In the following months, Moscow continued



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to arm and assist pro-Russian separatist groups fighting against the Ukrainian government.

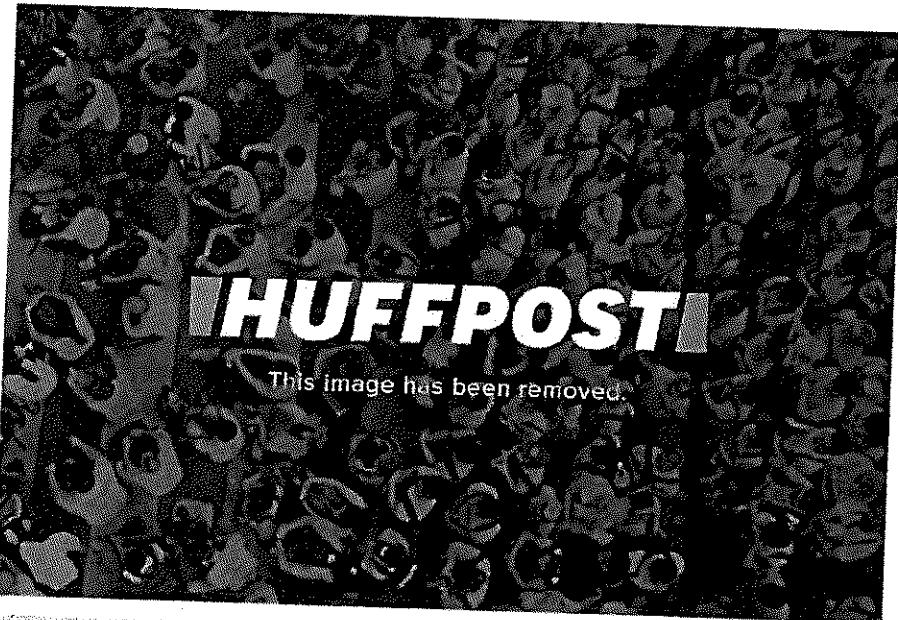
Throughout the conflict, President Barack Obama resisted calls to arm the Ukrainians, and instead opted to send them non-lethal military aid and to hit Russia with economic sanctions. Ukraine, Obama reasoned, is a non-NATO country on Russia's border, and therefore will always be of greater strategic importance to Moscow than Washington.

Obama faced bipartisan criticism for his restraint, but Carter Page, one of five people who Donald Trump has named as a foreign policy adviser, argued in a January 2015 piece in the Global Policy Journal that Washington's response in Ukraine is indicative of a broader pattern of domestic civil rights violations.

In the piece, Page draws a clunky parallel between Michael Brown and Eric Garner, two unarmed black men who U.S. police officers killed in 2014; and Putin, the authoritarian Russian president who led an illegal invasion into a neighboring sovereign state.

"While the loss of Michael Brown and Eric Garner has received intense media coverage and perfunctory federal government investigations, the economic injustice unleashed upon the millions of people residing in Russia, Ukraine and the former Soviet Union by misguided Western policies has met limited recognition," he wrote at the time.

Referring to Putin's "so-called annexation of Crimea," Page argued that Russia suffered a disproportionate response for "relatively minor" actions — much in the way that Garner was strangled to death after confronted by the cops for selling loose cigarettes. "Just as five police officers ganged up on Garner, over a half-dozen new NATO members have expanded to Russia's border and near abroad over recent decades," he wrote, linking to another piece he authored about NATO expansion.



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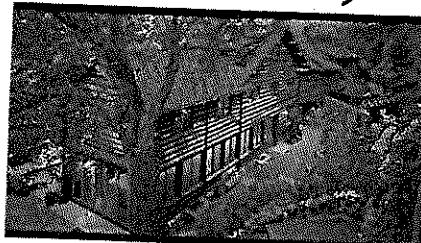
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Page did not immediately respond to request for comment.

As a former adviser and current shareholder in Gazprom, Russia's state-controlled gas company, Page has a personal interest in a relaxation of sanctions against Moscow. But his rambling pro-Putin writings extend far beyond the legitimate debate over the efficacy and morality of using sanctions as a deterrent. In the January 2015 piece, Page conspiratorially asserts that U.S. officials, including Assistant Secretary of State Victoria Nuland, secretly fomented the Ukrainian uprising against Yanukovych.

According to Page's public online biography, he is a founder and managing partner of Global Energy Capital. He spent seven years as an investment banker at Merrill Lynch, and opened its office in Moscow. Much like his boss, Page has plenty of experience in business, and little in politics.

Trump has confounded voters since the early days of the campaign with his exuberant praise of Putin as a "strong leader" who he envisions having a "very good relationship with." On Friday, the Washington Post published an extensive investigation of Trump's financial ties to Russian oligarchs, explaining, in part, his affinity for a country that is consistently on the opposite side of the U.S. on major foreign policy initiatives.

When Trump named Page as a foreign policy adviser in March, Page received enthusiastic notes from Russia contacts who were hopeful he could help reverse the sanctions, he told Bloomberg Politics in an interview.

It's unclear why Page opted to portray U.S. policy toward Russia through the lens of the equally important but seemingly unrelated issue of violence against black Americans — but it's a recurring theme in his writing. He sought to make this connection again the following month, this time accusing the 2015 National Security Strategy, a mundane executive branch report, of bearing resemblance to an 1850 document that taught slaveholders how to produce the "ideal slave."

As an example, Page linked to the Wikipedia page on "Treatment of slaves in the United States," claiming the 1850 slaveholders' manual instructed masters to "Deprive access to education and recreation, to ensure that slaves remain uneducated, helpless and dependent."

The supposed modern-day parallel? A line in the National Security Strategy that said, "Targeted economic sanctions will remain an effective tool for imposing costs on

irresponsible actors."

Editor's note: Donald Trump regularly incites political violence and is a serial liar, rampant xenophobe, racist, misogynist and birther who has repeatedly pledged to ban all Muslims — 1.6 billion members of an entire religion — from entering the U.S.

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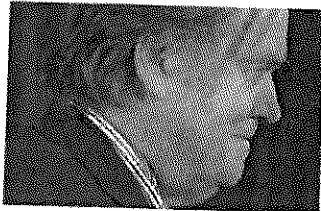
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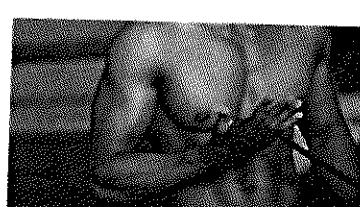


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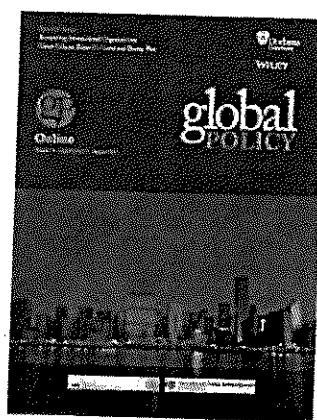


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Carter Page - 5th January 2015



Amidst rising justice concerns in America and a return to Cold War tactics by policymakers, Carter Page considers the evolving nuclear relationship between the U.S. and Russia.

In recent months, renewed calls for equal justice have brought social tension across the United States after the killing of Michael Brown and Eric Garner by police officers in Missouri and New York respectively. Although commonly overlooked, the impact of other fatal mistakes by government officials in the foreign policy arena might vastly outweigh these tragic deaths in potentially catastrophic proportions.

With the continued **escalation and threat** of further sanctions on Russia, the West has focused on the so-called annexation of Crimea. But just as injustice for minorities might be largely forgotten until documented on **video**, the annexation of the entirety of Ukraine by a few officials in Washington which started that region's current disorder in the first place has received far less attention. While the loss of Michael Brown and Eric Garner has received **intense media coverage** and perfunctory federal government **investigations**, the economic injustice unleashed upon the millions of people residing in Russia, Ukraine and the former Soviet Union by misguided Western policies has met limited recognition.

The deaths triggered by U.S. government officials in both the former Soviet Union and the streets of America in 2014 share a range of close similarities.

First, Eric Garner was the weaker power in his interaction with the more heavily armed New York Police Department (NYPD) officers. From the Crimean Peninsula to Staten Island, no leniency for minor offenses represented a complete lack of justice. While Eric Garner was brutally accosted for the petty crime of selling cigarettes, Russia's actions were relatively minor in comparison to the revolutionary forces that the U.S. helped instigate in the preceding months. Just as **five police officers** ganged up on Garner, over a half-dozen new NATO members have **expanded to Russia's border** and near abroad over recent decades.

Second, each instance displayed a government representative making decisions that are disproportionate to the situation at hand. In Ukraine, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Victoria Nuland played the role of NYPD officer Daniel Pantaleo.

Third, the broader nationwide clash prompted by Nuland and Pantaleo in Ukraine and the U.S. respectively were the product of an injustice created by overzealous individuals who were never held accountable for their actions.

Fourth, the decisions by such fervent and entrepreneurial bureaucrats offer an unrepresentative view of the broader cast of government employees from the organizations they represent, namely the U.S. Department of State and municipal police departments.

Fifth, the fact that a **majority of Americans** found unfairness in the grand jury decision surrounding the death of Eric Garner, an unarmed black man, parallels the voice of most Crimean citizens in the **status referendum** of 2014.

Finally, a lack of foresight led to these officials displaying a narrow-minded disregard for the

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repercussions of their actions. The increased nuclear tensions in the U.S.-Russia relationship which will be considered later in this article stand as a principal and perhaps the most ominous example.

A primary difference between America's actions at home and in Ukraine is the reluctant acceptance of protests in a domestic context while actively instigating them overseas. Mayor Bill de Blasio's calls for a temporary halt to protests in New York City during December stands in stark contrast to senior U.S. official Victoria Nuland, who participated in anti-government protests herself last December. In addition to handing out sandwiches and inspiring revolutionaries, she admitted that same month to spending significant U.S. government funds over the course of the past few decades on redesigning the government of Ukraine. Secrecy shrouds the exact amount and characteristics of these state-sponsored investments, but the impact of Nuland's tactics remains material as the current chaos envelopes Ukraine.

In line with some of the origins of today's racial tensions in the U.S., the great irony of the tactics displayed by Victoria Nuland in her work on the 2014 Ukrainian revolution is that they stand in direct contradiction to a central tenet of the American Revolution: All men are created equal. By helping to draw a biased dividing line between European- and Russian-leaning segments of Ukrainian society, she established a pathway for the destruction that has since resulted including thousands of deaths in this year's ongoing conflict.

Unintended consequences

In a recent interview, former U.S. Ambassador to Russia Michael McFaul was asked, "Might [Putin] do something to play what has been described as the 'nationalist card', to rally public support in his country and to distract Russians from a deteriorating economic situation?"

In keeping with his long-standing anti-Putin rhetoric such as the 2002 book on Russia's Unfinished Revolution, McFaul agreed: "Yes, and that's what he did earlier this spring. That jumped him up from 40% approval rating to 80% approval rating. That's what the war in Ukraine was in part about..."

Recognition has grown overseas that distraction techniques have helped to rally public support in the U.S. by redirecting attention to conflicts abroad. As a recent Chinese media opinion piece noted, "After examining America's staggering racial disparity, one cannot help wondering whether the US accusation of the Chinese government this time was another political tactic of shunning criticism at itself."

McFaul continued his assessment of Putin by suggesting, "I actually think he may think about changing his government. I think that may be the surprise move you might see in the coming days or weeks." Once again, the relevance of McFaul's comments were most vividly seen in a U.S. context. On November 24, 2014, Obama announced that Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel will be stepping down from office – one of the highest posts in the U.S. executive branch of government according to the presidential line of succession. Based on insider accounts, Hagel's greatest fault in the eyes of the White House may have been his willingness to question central authority figures' fixation on and continued adherence to conventional wisdom even while key regions and policies were "falling apart".

Stuck in the past

One of the enduring mantras of the current protest movement across the U.S. which has continued in recent days has been, "No justice, no peace". The meaning and origins of this slogan extend back over half a century. At long last and in line with this motto, a growing recognition has begun to arise that the Cold War tactics recently reinitiated by the U.S. and its NATO allies are now having a detrimental impact on the nuclear arms control progress that has occurred since the end of that earlier confrontation in the 1990's.

Although one-sided in its analysis, a recent article in the *New Republic* highlights fundamental risks. While the author points out incidents in which nuclear weapons were mishandled in Russia, limited attention is given to similar problems in the United States. As a June 2014 Review of the Department of Defense Nuclear Enterprise concluded about the Minot Air Force Base, "If... the current trend of complacency continues based on the assumption that the troops will continue to meet the mission by 'making do' with insufficient support and resources, the path can only lead to eventual mission failure—which could be sudden, and with

major consequences."

Amidst an escalating record of mistrust between Russia and the U.S., these trends are particularly troubling especially in light of the recent track record at Minot.

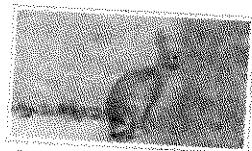
Obama's surprise move

Related to the "surprise move" that McFaul predicted in a Russian context, one possible hope for a positive redirection of U.S. policy in the former Soviet Union is that Chuck Hagel's replacement as Secretary of Defense might create a new attention to these nuclear issues. For his first role in the Pentagon, Ashton Carter was once nominated as Assistant Secretary of Defense for Nuclear Security and Counterproliferation during the early Clinton Administration in 1993. Given his enduring focus on these critical security matters, he might offer a new perspective that helps balance the impact of short sighted rabble-rousers and their misguided bellicosity.

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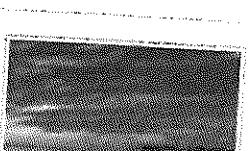
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